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PATENT  
Customer Number 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 04329.2624

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Takafumi ITO ) Group Art Unit: 2134  
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Application No.: 09/934,764 ) Examiner: Andrew L. NALVEN  
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Filed: August 23, 2001 )  
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For: ELECTRONIC DEVICE AND ) Confirmation No.: 8710  
CONNECTION CONTROL METHOD )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In a restriction requirement dated February 24, 2005, the Examiner required  
restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between:

Group 1: Claims 1-4 and 12-15, directed to an electronic device with a  
switch capable of inhibiting authentication;

Group 2: Claims 5 and 16, directed to an electronic device that requires  
authentication while creating a link to another device and rejects  
connection requests when an error count exceeds a threshold;

Group 3: Claims 6-9 and 17, directed to an electronic device that requires  
authentication while creating a link to another device and deletes link  
information when the number of registered devices exceeds a threshold;  
and

Group 4: Claims 10-11 and 18-19, directed to an electronic device that  
requires authentication while creating a link to another device and deletes  
link information when the specific identification code of the storage unit is  
changed.

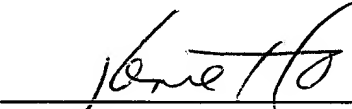
Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute Group 1, claims 1-4 and 12-15, drawn to an electronic device with a switch capable of inhibiting authentication.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: March 23, 2005

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